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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: FRANKFURT CARGO TERMINAL PROBLEM  
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1. SUBJECT PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED DURING JUNE CONSULTATION.  
US DEL MADE LENGTHY REPRESENTATION REITERATING USG CONCERN  
ABOUT POSSIBLE CANCELLARION OF CUSTOMS SERVICE AT PAN AM/  
SEABOARD TERMINAL, CHARACTERIZING THE MOVE AS A DISCRIMIN-  
ATORY MEASURE. AS INDICATED REFTEL B, REHM EXPLAINED  
THAT GERMAN CUSTOMS HAD DECIDED INDEPENDENTLY TO TRANSFER  
ITS SERVICES TO THE NEW CARGO TERMINAL AND ADMITTED A  
LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG THE VARIOUS GERMAN AUTHORITIES.  
HE SUGGESTED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE AFFECTED  
AIRLINES AND THE GERMAN CUSTOMS AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS  
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COULD SERVE TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

2. US DEL REQUESTED REHM TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO  
ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING. IT WAS FURTHER PROPOSED BY US  
DEL THAT US EMBASSY WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING.  
REHM AGREED.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW-UP WITH REHM ON HIS COMMITMENT TO ARRANGE MEETING, AND TO ATTEND IT. NACA HAS ALSO INDICATED TO DEPARTMENT A DESIRE TO BE INCLUDED

IN ANY DISCUSSIONS RE FRANKFURT CUSTOMS PROBLEM SO AS TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF US SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES.

4. THIS ISSUE HAS POLICY IMPORTANCE GOING BEYOND IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE CARGO OPERATIONS OF TWO U.S. CARRIERS. IF, AS BOTH U.S. AND FRG APPARENTLY DESIRE, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE TO MOVE TOWARDS A MORE LIBERAL AVIATION REGIME, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO PERSUADE U.S. AIRLINES AND THE CONGRESS THAT U.S. AIRLINES WILL HAVE FAIR COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES IN FOREIGN MARKETS. YET HERE IS ONE APPARENT INSTANCE WHERE U.S. AIRLINES (AND APPARENTLY THIRD-FLAG AIRLINES AS WELL) WILL BE DEPRIVED OF AN IMPORTANT COMMERICAL SERVICE WHILE LUFTHANSA SUFFERS NO COMPARABLE DISABILITY. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT LUFTHANSA'S MOVE AT FRANKFURT WILL BE MADE AT THE SAME TIME THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS MOVE. NOTE ALSO, BY COMPARISON, THAT LUFTHANSA HAS ITS OWN CARGO FACILITY AND CUSTOMS AGENTS AT JFK AIRPORT.) REHM APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE AND ASSURED US DEL IN WASHINGTON THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WOULD BE REACHED.

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